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CUOMO NOMINATION/Secretary of Housing and Urban Development

SUBJECT: Nomination of Andrew M. Cuomo, of New York, to be Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. Confirmation.

ACTION: NOMINATION CONFIRMED, 99-0

SYNOPSIS: Andrew Cuomo was born June 12, 1957 in Queens, New York. He received a B.A. from Fordham University in 1979 and a law degree from Albany Law School in 1982. His employment history is as follows: 1982, Mario Cuomo for Governor; 1983-1984, Special Assistant to the Governor of New York; 1984-1985, Assistant District Attorney for Manhattan; 1985-1988, Partner with Blutrigh, Falcone, & Miller; 10/1988-2/1993, President, Housing Enterprise for the Less Privileged; 2/93-5/93, Special Advisor to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); 5/93-present, Assistant Secretary for Community Planning & Development, HUD.

Those favoring confirmation contended:

We enthusiastically support confirmation of Andrew Cuomo to be the Secretary of HUD. His record speaks for itself. In 1986, he founded Housing Enterprise for the Less Privileged (HELP). HELP provides transitional housing to homeless people as well as supportive services to deal with the number of problems that have often caused their homelessness in the first place. This private, nonprofit organization now has 350 employees, a \$25 million budget, and more than \$120 million worth of needed and affordable housing. Mr. Cuomo developed this organization from the ground-up. He did not impose a solution from the Federal Government—he met with the local community, with State and local officials, and with private businesses to assess what was needed, what was wanted, and what would work. Since 1993 he has served as Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development at HUD, which oversees half of HUD's \$20 billion annual budget. During his tenure he has continued to follow the grassroots approach he used in creating HELP. His service has been marked by an absolutely tireless and nonpartisan determination to improve public housing

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EXPLANATION OF ABSENCE:

- 1—Official Business
- 2—Necessarily Absent
- 3—Illness
- 4—Other

SYMBOLS:

- AY—Announced Yea
- AN—Announced Nay
- PY—Paired Yea
- PN—Paired Nay

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programs, and by any measure he has done an admirable job. First, under his leadership local communities have now instituted the "continuum of care" approach to homelessness that was pioneered by HELP. Second, he has eliminated the administrative tangle that was strangling the new HOME program. As a result that program is now working as envisioned by its bipartisan sponsors in Congress. Third, he has made the Department more effective by cutting its bureaucracy: he has merged 12 bureaucratic processes into a streamlined system. Fourth, he has spurred local community development by overseeing the implementation of the Empowerment Zone and Enterprise Community Initiative and by creating a new economic development initiative that has increased yearly low-interest loans to cities to \$1.85 billion (up from \$229 million in 1993).

During his confirmation hearing we were greatly impressed with his understanding of the section 8 crisis that is upon us. Section 8 housing is paid for under multi-year contracts. The length of those contracts has been gradually shortened. As a consequence, this year we find that longer-term contracts from many years ago and shorter-term contracts from more recent years are coming up for renewal at the same time. The current renewal budget is around \$3.4 billion. This October, that number will rise to more than \$10 billion. Where will the needed extra \$7 billion come from? This \$7 billion shortfall is only the start of the problem. Major reforms are going to have to be made, and innovative solutions are going to have to be found. Our hope is that a bipartisan approach will be found to solve this crisis; the nomination of Andrew Cuomo bolsters that hope. We are pleased to vote in favor of confirmation.

No arguments were expressed in opposition to confirmation.